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Dear [redacted]

On May 19th Special Agent Milton A. Jones received the letter, with enclosures, that you addressed to me and I certainly appreciate your interest in furnishing this information.

In reply to your inquiry, it is contrary to my long-standing policy to comment on material not prepared by personnel of this Bureau. I am, however, enclosing related literature which you may not have had an opportunity to read.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (3)

Director's testimony 2/16/67 re Firearms Control and Gun Legislation
Communist Rules for Revolution, Director's Testimony 4/17/69
LEB Introd 9/67

NOTE: This letter was received in a personal letter correspondent addressed to Special Agent Milton A. Jones, Crime Research Section, Crime Records Division. Correspondent telephonically contacted the Bureau a few weeks ago requesting material and spoke to SA Jones. He is otherwise not identifiable in Bufiles and is not known to SA Jones. He enclosed copies of the "Communist Rules for Revolution" and an article by Colonel R. D. Heinl, Jr., from the "Register," New Haven, Connecticut, on 5/7/70 concerning the need for gun legislation. The Director is mentioned briefly in this article to the effect that not even he knows how many firearms are at large in the United

States. Colonel Heinl was [redacted]

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had prior cordial correspondence with him .

REGISTER, THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1970

More And More Signs Point To Guerrilla War

By CCL. R. D. HEINL JR.

WASHINGTON (NANA)—Incredible as it may seem, indications are multiplying that this country is facing a serious threat of mindless guerrilla-type revolutionary war directed against the general fabric of American government, society and public order.

The dangers come equally from far left and from far right—equally from Weathermen and from Minutemen, and just as equally from Black Panthers as from Ku Klux Klansmen and American Nazis. Some—probably most—of these murderous sects are home-grown, but a few (even so, too many) owe impetus, revolutionary training and financial support to foreign sources.

The fact that these extremists all amply qualify as "kooks" and "crazies" in no way palliates or reduces the danger they represent. Nor does the fact that, numerically speaking, their hard-core membership may include but a few thousand people among a national population of 200 million.

In a specimen year (1967), intelligence estimates concluded that only 750 hard-core professional terrorists were responsible for guerrilla insurgencies in Venezuela, Colombia, Uruguay and Bolivia. In other words, 750 desperate, destructive, fanatical men were bringing war and havoc to a substantial part of a continent whose population exceeds 175 million.

Among a wide range of ominous portents to be seen in any U.S. daily paper are calculated attacks on police stations, ambushes of police, arson and bombing attacks on public buildings, sabotage against ROTC and other military installations (such as reserve and national guard armories), disclosure of "bomb factories," attempts to subvert the courts, to subvert the armed forces, to pollute the educational process and to flout the violent capabilities of far-left and far-right organizations.

Guerrilla Theater

When, for example, heavily-armed Black Panthers paraded menacingly through the California State House in Sacramento last year, they were par-

toms is being swamped by imports from Vietnam of obviously stolen military weapons (many M-16 rifles, for example) being mailed home. Study of the addresses suggests too clearly that these are not war souvenirs but the beginnings of stockpiles.

The second alarming report is that, amid the "brigades" of radical young Americans whom Canada obligingly ships to help Fidel Castro cut sugar cane, selected cadres have been receiving serious guerrilla-war training in Cuba.

The aggregate picture which arises from these and many other equally disturbing examples cannot and ought not to be dismissed. Moreover, despite the political mindlessness and lack of coherent programs or attainable objectives among these apocalyptic would-be terrorists, one deeply dangerous common factor runs consistently from right to left.

That common denominator of peril, recognized by every student of guerrilla war, is the generalized possession and total accessibility to the tools of violence and revolution—firearms, explosives and incendiaries—throughout the United States.

Rule number 1 of counterinsurgency is not to win people's hearts and minds, but to disarm them.

Stringent Sanctions

The first fundamental and imperative step in controlling a revolution or a guerrilla war is to drain off the supply of weapons and explosives in the hands of the general population, and to impose the most stringent sanctions against illegal possession

of such items by anyone. Whether a farmer employs dynamite to blow stumps and a .30-caliber rifle for deer-hunting—both innocent and above-board uses—is beside the point. That farmer's dynamite and his rifle are pools of infection.

Measured against the foregoing axiomatic considerations, the situation of the United States today is truly terrible.

Nobody, not even J. Edgar Hoover, knows how many firearms are at large in this country. The lowest accepted estimate is 50 million, the highest is one billion. According to a Gallup poll, every other American household contains at least

one firearm. The state of California has nearly 3 million registered hand-guns. These are not sporting weapons; they are designed to kill people.

Two million guns are made and sold annually in the United States. There are at least 120,000 gun-dealers in the country. Before congress finally halted the evil trade, some 70 million war-surplus foreign military firearms were dumped into the U.S. during the 1920s and 1930s.

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What Commies Said 51 Years Ago

If you think most of the problems that beset the world and our nation today just happened that way; if you think it is a natural trend born of the modern age; if you think that it will suddenly all dissolve when we, the people, get tired of being bothered, then read an excerpt from a file on "Communist Rules for Revolution," published before 1919! The file was obtained by the armed forces in Dusseldorf, Germany. These were the instructions issued to those who were to bring about world revolution:

"A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial, destroy their ruggedness.

"B. Get control of all means of publicity and thereby:

(1) Get people's minds off their government by focusing attention on athletics, sexy books and plays, and other trivialities.

(2) Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

(3) Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy.

(4) Always preach true democracy but seize power as fast and ruthlessly as possible.

(5) By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

(6) Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

(7) By spacious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues, honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

"C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext with the view of confiscation of them and leaving the population helpless."

This quite definitive treatise was first given public notice when it was printed in the Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Examiner-Enterprise. Printed but no one gave it much thought. Just fifty-one years later those who were given the plan of attack can check full 100 percent success in their efforts. We are sure there is now another such set of instructions, going on from where these left off. This time past history presents full reason to be concerned, if not completely frightened. Your enemies are patient but thorough. Your greatest enemy, however, is your disregard of the danger signs. —Concrete (Wash.) Herald.

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May 11, 1970

Mr. John Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I wish to draw your attention to an article which appeared in the New Haven Register on May 7, 1970, a copy of which is enclosed. Also, although I am sure you are much more aware of Communist activities than I am, please find enclosed a second enclosure which is a copy of an editorial that apparently has appeared in various papers.

My concern is: Why should an ex-Colonel (Col. R. D. Heinl, Jr.) and a nationwide news organization (North American Newspaper Alliance) be supporting a stated Communist Party objective?

Very truly yours,

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